oils etc. are distributed at reasonable prices to the common man and which also operate as. 'an anti-inflationary measure, is being strengthened and expanded foodgrains at cheaper • rates are distributed in tribal areas, under special schemes like the National Rural Employment Programme and the Rural Landless Employment Gurantee Programme.

Slum clearance in Uttar Pradesh

749. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN 'DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase central grants for the slum clearance and rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY... OF. URBAN DEVELOP. MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The present policy of the 'Government emphasises on environmental improvement of urban slums in site rather than their massive clearance or relocation, this is done under the Scheme of Environ- _ mental Improvement of Urban Slums funds for- the scheme are provided in the State Plans. There. is no provision for Central grants under" the Scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

Government accommodation for CentralGovt Employees with 15 to 20 years ofservice

750. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DE-VELOPMENT be pleased $6 state

(a) the number of Central Government employees whoa length of service is between 15 and 20 years arid have not yet beetf" allotted Government ^ecommoda-tion; and

(b) by when such employees are likely to Se: provided with Goventment accom-modation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)ON
the basis of restricted applications received for the currem allotment year, 37, 009 Central Government employees are waiting for allotment of general pool accommodation in Delhi for type A to D. This does not include higher type of accommodation for which allotment is made, on . the basis of emoluments drawn on the crucial date of allotment year.

(b) No specific'period, can be indicated as it depends on the demand|availability in each type of accommodation.

Price *01* Sugar

751. SHRI VERENDRA VERM A: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of indigenous sugar had f'sen. from Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 per quintal in the wholesale- market during the last few months instead; of any decline with the release of substantially higher quota for levy and free sale sugar for March, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

'(c) what steps have been~ taken by Government to contain the prices of sugar in the open marketf

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABl AZAD): (a) to (c) The price oTiriai-gelRJUSf sugar ate being maintained at reasonable: levels through" suitable regulatory measures taken by Government ih-clatttaig judtcfotts release of freesale sugar each"month. The wholesale'prices of Sugar in principal markets in the country have bete showing t dwmwanl Trentl in recent month Theses wens ia the ran of Rs 588-520 per quintal: al Aprfl; 1987 is bgainst the. range of rs 615-650" per quintal as on, 15th January, ' 1987.